

**Montgomery County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships  
Asian American and Middle Eastern American Resource Guide  
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## **i. Cultural and Educational Organizations**

### **America and China International Foundation (ACIF)**

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The America and China International Foundation was established in 2002 and aims to facilitate cultural and educational understanding as well as foster business relationships between China and the United States. The organization provides professional training, facilitates student exchange and Teach in China programs, and holds business exchange conferences. In addition to these main functions, ACIF organizes and holds art exhibits and performances for Chinese artists in the United States.

### **Amideast**

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Founded in 1951, Amideast is a non-profit organization that engages in international education, training, and development in the Middle East and North Africa. They focus on promoting U.S. study to students in the MENA region and managing U.S. scholarships and exchanges such as the flagship Fulbright Foreign Student Program. They also strive to improve educational opportunities and quality, strengthen local institutions, and develop language and professional skills for the global economy. A main goal is to strengthen the mutual understanding and corporation between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa.

### **American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)**

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Washington, D.C. 20007  
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ADC, which is non-profit, non-sectarian and non-partisan, is the largest Arab-American grassroots organization in the United States. It was founded in 1980. The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is a civil rights organization committed to defending the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their rich cultural heritage. ADC is at the forefront in combating defamation and negative stereotyping of Arab-Americans in the media and wherever else it is practiced. Through its Department of Legal Services, ADC offers counseling in cases of discrimination and defamation and selected impact litigation in the areas of immigration.

### **Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity**

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2424 Reddie Drive, Suite 220, Wheaton MD 20902

The Gilchrist Center provides programs and services to the County's diverse community and functions as a central point of contact for residents to County and other community services. It is committed to working closely with government agencies, community organizations and individual residents to ensure high customer service and to meet the needs of this very diverse community.

### **Chinese Culture and Community Service Center Inc. (CCACC)**

**Contact Person:** Edvin Chow, Executive Director

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**Website:** www.ccacc-dc.org

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9366 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Phone:** 240-631-1200

CCACC is one of the largest grassroots community-based APA service organizations in the Washington Metro area with a strong membership of over 2,000 people. Established in 1982, CCACC serves as a bridge to enrich, empower, and assist Asian Pacific Americans in the community. The Center works to build strategic community, private, and public partnerships to extend and enhance the scope and effectiveness of its programs and services to Chinese immigrant communities.

CCACC provides a wide variety of programs, services, and activities for the APA and mainstream communities – as well as advocacy, education, and empowerment of the APA community. The programs and services are grouped into the following seven areas:

- Education, Culture, and Arts; Health and Human Services; Community Services; Senior Services; Teens and Youth; and Sports and Fitness. Enrich families with educational, cultural, health, and social services programs.
- Promote mutual understanding, awareness, and appreciation of Chinese and American culture and heritage.

- Encourage the exchange of Chinese and American cultures and enhance the positive image of Chinese Americans.
- Facilitate assimilation of Chinese Americans into the mainstream society while striving to preserve the rights and interests of all Chinese Americans.
- Strengthen the Chinese American communities and encourage cooperation among Chinese American Organizations.

### **Council on Islamic American Relations (CAIR)**

**Email:** info@cair.com

**Website:** www.cair.com

**Address:** 453 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

**Phone:** 202.488.8787

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) was established in 1994 to challenge stereotypes of Islam and Muslims. Today, the organization has a nationwide presence and a headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The vast majority of CAIR's work deals with civil rights and anti-defamation. CAIR has expended tremendous energy on educational efforts, including the production of public service announcements (PSA) introducing Americans to their Muslim neighbors and rejecting terrorism. CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

### **GRACE (Global Reach For Arts And Cultural Education)**

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**Phone:** 301-247-7180

GRACE promotes and educates the community about cultural understanding through the Performing Arts of different nations. This in turn may be one of the ways to bring peace and harmony among various ethnic groups. Scholarships will also be provided to individuals for the performing arts under certain criteria. This organization also organizes, sponsors, and coordinates various community events.

### **Indian American Leadership Council (IALC)**

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**Address:** P.O. Box 10510, Silver Spring, MD 20914

**Phone:** 301-680-0145

The Indian American Leadership Council (IALC) is a grassroots civic organization of community leaders whose mission is to provide a unified voice for Indian Americans in the

mainstream decision making process at the national, state and local level. IALC builds bridges and forges alliances with civil rights groups and Asian/or ethnic associations to promote social responsibility, economic equity, and political action through education and advocacy.

The IALC's leadership networks provide forums through which citizens, immigrants, and new Americans can exchange expertise, share resources, enhance global partnerships, and collaborate with the mainstream community. The IALC designs, develops, implements, monitors, and evaluates promising programs and projects that show the potential to empower future community leaders and enrich society

### **The International Cultural Center**

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Montgomery Village, MD 20886

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The International Cultural Center's (ICC) mission is to bridge gaps of understanding amongst communities through actions of sharing and experiencing cultural, intellectual and spiritual diversity. We are a dynamic platform for communities to explore and appreciate varied beliefs and philosophies through civic engagement, intercommunity dialogue and cultural programs. Our focus is to build stronger communities that will not succumb to discrimination, isolation or fear. The ICC also offers a newly renovated social hall for rental to the community members for personal, educational and business events and meetings. This social hall, equipped with modern kitchen and with ample free parking, accommodates 150 banquet and 180 theatre style seating.

### **Iran Cultural and Educational Center (ICEC)**

**Contact Person:** Dr. Iran Arbabi-Amin, President

**Email:** info@iraneducationalcenter.org

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**Mailing Address:** 12030 GatewaterDrive, Potomac, Maryland, 20854

**Phone:** (301) 545-0143

The Iran Cultural and Educational Center (ICEC) is a non-profit organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code registered in the State of Maryland. The ICEC is an independent institution not affiliated with any group. The ICEC is open to all students interested in learning the Persian language and culture. The ICEC core mission is to create an environment that fosters appreciation of cultural diversity among young learners and thus helps them become ambassadors of cultural awareness. The Center offers classes on Saturday to students K through seventh grade.

### **IRAMERICAN Civic society of Washington**

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The Iramerican Civil Society of Washington is a non-profit organization established in 1994. The organization focuses on cultural activities and support for the growing immigrant Iranian population in the greater Washington, DC area. They are involved in encouraging involvement in local government and sponsor voter registration, along with providing a variety of other services including educational senior citizen workshops, fundraisers and other relief activities, and some medical services for low-income families and individuals.

### **Islamic Center of Maryland**

**Website:** www.icomd.org

**Email:** webmaster@icomd.org

**Address:** 19411 Woodfield Rd

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

**Phone:** 301-840 9440

The Islamic Center of Maryland (ICM) is a non-profit organization with an operational philosophy based on the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Muslim families who visit the ICM facilities work towards fulfilling their religious obligations and striving for spiritual, intellectual, social and economic well-being and advancement. The center provides various services to the community. These services include an Islamic school for children, Quran reading programs, Friday congregation prayers and Eid prayers. Please visit the website for more information!

### **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)**

**Contact Person:** Kristine Minami, Director for Public Affairs

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**Address:** 1001 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 730, Washington DC 20036

**Phone:** 202-223-1240

The Japanese American Citizens League, the nations' oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, was founded in 1929 to address issues of discrimination targeted specifically at persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States.

JACL provides advocacy, community and leadership development, education, civil rights protection, and scholarships.

### **Jerusalem Fund**

**Email:** info@thejerusalemfund.org

**Website:** [www.thejerusalemfund.org](http://www.thejerusalemfund.org)

**Address:** 2425 Virginia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20037 USA

**Phone:** Tel. (202) 338-1958 (Jerusalem Fund) Tel. (202) 338-1290 (Palestine Center)

The Jerusalem Fund for Education & Community Development is an independent, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization based in Washington, DC. Funding for operational expenses is derived from investment income.

### **Korean American Association of Greater Washington**

**Contact Person:** Steve Choi, President

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**Address:** 7400-L Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA 22003

The KAAS is an organization that is committed to promoting in the interests and improving the position of the Korean community in the Washington metropolitan area. They provide a variety of services to the Korean community, which include planning and hosting events for the community, community service activities, consular assistance, and some financial services.  
[rachel\\_e\\_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org](mailto:rachel_e_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org)

### **League of Koran Americans, USA (LOKA)**

**Contact Person:** Dr. Young Dae Cha, President

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LOKA is a national non-profit organization that works to promote democracy, end discrimination and advance and preserve Korean culture. They also aim to promote Korean involvement in the political process at the national, state, and local level, as well as Korean involvement in the school system in the United States to ensure a quality education for Koreans and other ethnic groups. LOKA often partners with organizations from other communities, such as the Hispanic and Middle Eastern American communities. The Maryland chapter of LOKA can be reached through the contact information above.

### **Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants (MARTI)**

**Contact Person:**

**Email:** [contact@themarti.org](mailto:contact@themarti.org)

**Address:** 230 N Washington St  
Rockville, MD 20850

MARTI is a non-profit organization established in 2003 and focused on providing cultural and educational services to Turkish-Americans living in and around Maryland. They also aim to promote intercultural dialogue and understanding through these services. They regularly hold cultural and educational events, as well as provide language classes, tutoring services, art exhibitions, banquets and picnics. MARTI is in the process of setting up trips to Turkey in order for Turkish-Americans to experience the history as well as daily life and culture of their country.

**Minaret of Freedom Institute****Contact Person:** Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad**Email:** mfi@minaret.org**Website:** www.minaret.org**Address:** 4641 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, 20814**Phone:** 301-907-0947

The Minaret of Freedom Institute was founded in 1993 with a dual mission for educating both Muslims and non-Muslims.

For non-Muslims our mission is to counter distortions and misconceptions about Islamic beliefs and practice; to demonstrate the Islamic origins of modern values like the rule of law and sciences like market economics, and to advance the status of Muslim peoples maligned by a hostile environment in the West and oppressed by repressive political regimes in the East.

For Muslims, our mission is to discover and publish the politico-economic policy implications of Islamic law (shari`ah) and their consequences on the economic well-being of the community; to expose both American and Islamic-world Muslims to free market thought; to educate Islamic religious and community leaders in economics and in the fact that liberty is a necessary, though not sufficient, condition for the achievement of a good society, and to promote the establishment of free trade and justice (an essential common interest of Islam and the West).

**Middle East Books****Email:** bookclub@wrmea.com**Website:** www.middleeastbooks.com**Address:** 1902 18th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009**Phone:** (800) 368-5788, ext. 2

A project of the American Educational Trust, For more than 25 years, the American Educational Trust (AET) has been promoting U.S.-Middle East understanding with an emphasis on informed debate on the Arab-Israeli peace process. Early in AET's development, its founders established the AET Book Club to meet the recognized need for quality books about the region and U.S. policies there.

**Montgomery County Muslim Council (MCMC)****Contact Person:** Aqeelur Rehman, Chairman; Irma Hafeez, President**Email:** mcmcinfo@aol.com**Website:** www.mcmcouncil.org**Address:** P. O. Box 83639, Gaithersburg MD 20883**Phone:** 301-610-0028

MCMC is a non-profit, volunteer organization focused on encouraging and facilitating the



involvement and interests of the Muslim population in Montgomery County. They strive toward ensuring equal work, education and health opportunities for the Muslims living in our county, and aim to participate in all leadership activities in Montgomery County to do so. One of the Council's main activities is organizing events to help the poor and needy in Montgomery County, such as food drives and fundraisers, as well as charitable donations in accordance with Islamic law.

**National Federation of Indian American Association (NFIA)**

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**Website:** www.nfia.net

**Address:** 319 Summit Hall Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Phone:** 301-926-3013

The mission of the organization is to promote social, cultural, and political awareness, foster goodwill between the people of Indian origin and the other American populations, and to enrich the multi-ethnic culture of the United States of America.

1. Promoting and assisting its member organizations in accomplishing their own organizational mission.
2. Promoting Indian culture, social values and political awareness.
3. Identifying and addressing issues affecting Americans of India origin.

Promoting and enhancing the understanding and cooperation between India and US.

**Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Greater DC Chapter**

**Contact Person:** Lily Qi

**Email:** contact@ocadc.org

**Website:** www.ocadc.org

**Address:** PO Box 34943, Bethesda, MD 20817

**Phone:** 301-580-0418

OCA-DC is one of the founding chapters of OCA, a national civil rights organization of Asian Pacific Americans. Made of both immigrants and native born American Asians, OCA-DC educates the public about Asian American issues and advocates for the long-term collective well-being of Asian Americans in this country.

The vision of OCA-DC is to be a vibrant, influential, and effective leader in advancing the civic, cultural, personal, professional, and economic well-being of the Chinese American community in the Greater Washington, DC Metropolitan area, and in doing so, embrace the hopes and aspirations of Chinese and other Asian Americans.

**Pakistani American Association of Greater Washington**

**Address:** P.O. Box 8466

Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8466

The Pakistani American Association is a cultural non-profit organization that aims to represent the Pakistani community's perspective on important issues, promote Pakistani-American understanding, and provide cultural and social services to the Pakistani community in the greater Washington area.

**Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans (PAAIA)**

**Email:** info@paaia.org

**Website:** paaia.org

**Address:** 1614 20th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** 202.828.8370

The Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans, PAAIA, Inc., is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonreligious 501(c)(4) membership organization that serves the domestic interests of Iranian Americans and represents the community before U.S. policymakers and the American public at large. PAAIA works to foster greater understanding of our community and its cultural heritage and to expand opportunities for the active participation of Iranian Americans in the democratic process at all levels of government.

PAAIA Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization, is a PAAIA affiliate dedicated to philanthropy, education, and public service. PAAIA Fund conducts a variety of initiatives that benefit the Iranian American community and the U.S. society at large, including community building, youth programs, academic and professional development, information collection and dissemination, and public education and awareness.

**Rockville Sister City Corporation**

**Website:** <http://rocknet.org/community/sistercities/>

**Phone:** 240-314-5029

**Address:** Rockville Sister City Corporation  
Rockville City Hall  
111 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850-2364

Rockville Sister City Corporation provides a means to gain knowledge of, understand, and respect the lifestyle, culture, and ideas of other people in foreign countries. RSCC sponsors educational, cultural and professional exchanges with its Sister Cities (currently Pinneberg, Germany and recently Jiaying, China). The organization also sponsors community events and activities with different ethnic communities in Rockville.

**South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)**

**Website:** www.saalt.org

**Address:** 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 506  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

**Phone:** 301-270-1855

SAALT was founded in 2000, and much of its initial work focused on awareness and prevention of hate crimes toward the South Asian community, which peaked after September 11, 2001. Its mission was later expanded to include policy analysis and education initiatives. While SAALT works in several major metropolitan areas in the United States, much important work happens right here in the Washington, DC area, where they hold local community events and promote intercultural dialogue in our area. To contact the organization, please visit their website and click on contact.

**Sumi-e Society of America, Inc.**

**Contact Person:** Joan Lok

**Email:** joan@radiantbrush.com; sumiesociety@cox.net

**Website:** [www.sumiesociety.org](http://www.sumiesociety.org)

**Address:** PO Box 6271, Columbia, MD 21045

**Phone:** 410-730-7597

Sumi-e Society of America, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization founded in 1963 to foster and encourage an appreciation of East Asian brush painting techniques through publications, workshops, lectures and exhibitions, to serve as a cultural bridge between East and West, and to furnish information to all persons who wish to learn about this art. Membership is open to painters and non-painters.

The Society has 11 chapters across the United States, and a National Board of Directors. East Asian brush painting consists of many styles, which originated in China centuries ago and spread throughout East Asia. Sumi-e member artists use many styles, from representational to abstract, and form purely East Asian to a combination of Western and East Asian.

**Washington Report on Middle East Affairs**

**Website:** [www.wrmea.com](http://www.wrmea.com)

**Address:** P.O Box 53062,  
Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** (202) 939-6050

The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs is a 100-page magazine published 9 times per year in Washington, DC, that focuses on news and analysis from and about the Middle East and U.S. policy in that region.

**Thai Alliance in America**

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Wheaton, MD 20902

**Phone:** 301-512-9431

The TAA's mission is to unite, organize, and empower Thais and Thai Americans in the United States.

## ii. Business Organizations

### **AC Multi Media Group**

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**Website:** www.acmultimedialogroup.com

**Address:** 932 Hungerford Drive Suite 25A  
Rockville, MD 208503

AC Multimedia is a marketing and communications group that specializes in marketing within the ethnic Chinese community in the United States. The group focuses on getting messages out to the Chinese immigrant population in the US, and use state of the art technology as well as services in English and Chinese to do so. Some of their marketing products include domain names and website management, data warehousing and processing, printing and mailing as well as e-marketing, and data entry.

### **Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce (APACC)**

**Contact Person:** John Young, MD

**Email:** info@apacc.us

**Website:** www.apacc.us

**Address:** 3204 Tower Oaks Blvd, Suite 208A, Rockville Maryland 20852

**Phone:** 301-424-1471

Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization of business leaders and professionals dedicated to improving the economic environment for those from or working with the Asian Pacific American business community. APACC promotes a vibrant business environment by providing networking opportunities, education, advocacy, and cooperative interaction with and among Asian Pacific American businesses, regional governments and our community.

### **Maryland-China Business Council**

**Contact Person:** Andy Dubosky

**Email:** adubosky@mcbbc.net

**Website:** www.mcbbc.net

**Address:** 4340 East West Highway, Suite 1100, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Phone:** 202-293-6866

The mission of MCBC is to provide opportunities for increased business understanding and activity between the US and China via:

1. Effective and meaningful China-related business development and networking opportunities for members
2. Relevant and timely presentations concerning developments and trends in the US-China relationship
3. Assistance to Chinese organizations interested in establishing a presence and/or business relationships in the US Mid-Atlantic region

4. Opportunities to interact with US and Chinese government and business leaders

### iii. Service Organizations

#### **Asian American Health Initiative**

**Email:** [info@aahiinfo.org](mailto:info@aahiinfo.org)

**Website:** <http://aahiinfo.org/>

**Address:** 1335 Piccard Drive, Lower Level, Rockville MD 20850

**Phone:** 240-777-4517

The Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI) was established to help eliminate health disparities between Asian Americans and their non-Asian counterparts in Montgomery County. AAHI provides education and awareness about hepatitis B, cancer (breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate), diabetes, osteoporosis, and tobacco control education through seminars, health events, and community outreach.

In addition, AAHI conducts on-site osteoporosis screenings and offers breast, cervical, colorectal, oral and prostate cancer screenings to eligible Montgomery County residents. To provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services and interventions to Asian Americans, AAHI also developed a Patient Navigators Program. Through this program, trained Asian American medical interpreters may provide translation services at community clinic sites as well as assist with navigation of health care access over the telephone hotline.

#### **Asian American LEAD (AALEAD)**

**Contact Person:** Rosetta Lai, Executive Director

**Email:** [info@aalead.org](mailto:info@aalead.org)

**Website:** [www.aalead.org](http://www.aalead.org)

**Address:** 2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** 202-884-0322

Founded in 1998, Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is the trusted Pan-Asian community organization that provides educational enrichment and youth development programs to low-income and underserved Asian American youth in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland. AALEAD's mission is to promote the well-being of Asian American youth and families through education, leadership, and community building. Our highly-dedicated staff deliver specialized after-school programs, one-on-one mentoring, academic support services and life-skill development for students, and assist parents with school-related issues affecting their children. AALEAD's goal is to provide a nurturing environment and culturally-sensitive guidance so that each child we serve will be a contributing member of his or her community.

#### **Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)**

**Email:** [helpline@apalrc.org](mailto:helpline@apalrc.org)

**Website:** [www.apalrc.org](http://www.apalrc.org)

**Address:** 1600 K Street, NW, Mezzanine Level, Washington, DC 20006

**Phone:** 202-393-3572

APALRC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington, DC metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy. APALRC's priority is to serve low-income and/or limited English proficient Asian Americans, and to advocate for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues impacting Asian Americans.

**Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)**

**Email:** info@dvrp.org

**Website:** www.dvrp.org

**Address:** PO Box 14268, Washington, DC 20044

**Phone:** 202-464-4477

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project's mission is to address and prevent domestic violence in Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

DVRP provides:

1. Individual support for API survivors of domestic violence in order to assist them in accessing resources and improve their overall safety.
2. Services available in over 20 Asian languages.
3. Community engagement programs to increase understanding of domestic violence within API communities.
4. Technical assistance and cultural competency trainings for other agencies working with APIS or victims of domestic violence.

**American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)**

**Website:** www.anera.org

**Address:** 1522 K Street NW, #600  
Washington, DC 20005

**Phone:** 202-842-2766

Incorporated in 1968 to help ease the suffering of Palestinian refugees after the Arab-Israeli War of 1967, ANERA is non-political and non-religious and is one of the largest American non-profits working solely in the Middle East for 40 years. ANERA is a leading provider of development, health, education and employment programs to Palestinian communities and impoverished families throughout the Middle East.

**Boat People SOS (BPSOS)**

**Email:** info@bpsos.org

**Website:** www.bpsos.org

**Address:** 817 Silver Spring Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Phone:** (301) 439-0505

BPSOS is a Vietnamese-American community organization that was founded in 1980. It originally undertook volunteer at-sea rescue missions to rescue more than 3000 boat people in

need of help. The organization evolved from there, and is now committed to providing Vietnamese-Americans with a wide range of essential services. These services include emergency relief services, domestic violence recovery, advocacy, community organization and empowerment, and media outreach to the Vietnamese population in the United States today. Visit their website for a list of resources, as well as news about upcoming events and programs.

**Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc.**

**Email:** [info@cambodian-buddhist.org](mailto:info@cambodian-buddhist.org)

**Website:** <http://www.cambodian-buddhist.org/>

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**Phone:** 301-622-6544

The Cambodian Temple is a place of worship and a community center for all Cambodian Americans. It is a place for conservation of Cambodian culture, training, and social services. The Cambodian Temple provides:

1. Religious services
2. Training – dance, music, Khmer language, English, citizenship
3. Humanitarian assistance- shelter, food, youth program, senior program, health program, civic program

Priority of needs of constituents includes health, youth services, and senior services.

**Children of Persia (COP)**

**Email:** [info@childrenofpersia.org](mailto:info@childrenofpersia.org)

**Website:** [childrenofpersia.org](http://childrenofpersia.org)

**Address:** P.O. Box 2602

Montgomery Village, MD 20886

**Phone:** 301-315-0750

COP was founded in 1999 with the simple but very important goal of helping Iranian children and their families no matter what their religious, cultural, or political background. The organization provides medical assistance, education assistance, and disaster relief in both Iran and the United States, as well as in some parts of Afghanistan. Their activities are funded through personal and corporate contributions. Please visit their website for more information.

**Chinese American Senior Services Association (CASSA)**

**Email:** [cassaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cassaoffice@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.cassaseniors.org](http://www.cassaseniors.org)

**Address:** JCA Building #268 (2 Floor)

12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

**Phone:** 301-881-8228

CASSA's mission is to:

- Provide community service information to Chinese seniors
- Organize volunteers to conduct social and community programs



- Provide a platform for senior activities
- Provide Opportunities for seniors to acquire new knowledge and learning, and participate in volunteer work
- Advocate for seniors

**Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc.**

**Email:** crcmc@crcmc.org

**Website:** www.crcmc.org

**Address:** 2424 Reedie Drive, Suite 301, Wheaton, MD 20902

**Phone:** 301-942-7700

The CRCMC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality dispute resolution services and education to individuals and communities. Most services are free of charge to County residents. CRCMC provides:

1. Mediation in English and Spanish
2. Community conferencing
3. Facilitation of public meetings
4. Neighborhood problem solving
5. Training

**Islamic-American Zakat Foundation, Inc.**

**Email:** zakat@iazf.org

**Website:** www.iazf.org

**Address:** 4641 Montgomery Ave, LL #30, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Phone:** 301-907-0997

The Islamic-American Zakat Foundation provides assistance for food, shelter, clothing and transportation for the poor and needy, orphans, wayfarers, and other persons of needs deserving of charity under Islamic law by assessing, collecting and distributing obligatory and voluntary charity called zakat and sadaqa. Our primary objective is to serve the poor and needy Muslims in the United States, eligible non-Muslims are also helped and some aid is sent abroad to help the poor or needy orphans and other children.

**Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington**

**Contact Person:** Dr. Ji Young Cho, Executive Director

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**Website:** www.kcscgw.org

**Address:** 847-J Quince Orchard Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**Phone:** 240-683-6663

The purpose of KCSC is to better assist social service agencies serving the Korean American community through networking and shared resources and to advocate for issues and projects that need collaboration from all agencies. For the association to serve its purpose of supporting Korean agencies, we need to broaden our reach and focus on the needs of Korean communities nationwide.

KCSL provides social services and immigration, health, domestic violence prevention, and education services. Priority of needs of constituents include:

1. Support services for self-sufficiency
2. Access to affordable health care and culturally appropriate health care system
3. Family support service (family counseling, divorce, domestic violence)

**Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc. (MVMA)**

**Email:** info@mdvietmutual.org

**Website:** www.mdvietmutual.org

**Address:** 8121 Georgia Avenue, Suite 503, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Phone:** 301-588-6862

The Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA) is dedicated to advancing the Vietnamese American community in Maryland through direct services, advocacy, and education. MVMA implements three cornerstones in its approach:

1. Empowering low-income families and seniors through direct services and providing access to government and private programs.
2. Advocating for social and economic equality by building awareness, capacity and solidarity within the community.
3. Unifying multiple generations of Vietnamese Americans by promoting cultural traditions, history, art and language.

We carry out the mission by three core programs and two events:

1. New American Advocacy Services (NAAS): assist permanent residency getting citizenship and other services. Pro-bono attorney available
2. Vietnamese Parenting Enrichment Project (VPEP): empower parents to be more involved in their children's education by conducting family workshops and home visits
3. Golden Age Project for Seniors (GAPS): aim to bridge the language barriers to help seniors lead healthy autonomous lives. Assistance with health information and healthcare such as Medicare/ Medicaid, Social Security Benefits, food stamps, housing and other resources.

**Annual Events:**

- Annual Academic Award Picnic: a summer picnic day to nominate and award Vietnamese American students and teachers for their academic achievements, especially two scholarships are given every year for two high school students.
- Tet Lunar New Year Festival: conduct and celebrate the Vietnamese traditional lunar new year festival

**Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF)**

**Email:** info@mcmfusa.org

**Website:** mcmfusa.org

**Address:** 106 South Frederick Avenue, Suite 202  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Phone:** 301-670-7447

MCMF is dedicated to making sure that the resident Muslim population in Montgomery County is able to actively participate, volunteer, and engage with the larger Montgomery County population. They hold many events to raise money and other supplies for the needy and homeless in this area, and past events have included food drives, school supply drives, senior citizen initiatives, and Ramadan iftar meals at community shelters.

### **Muslim Community Center (MCC)**

**Email:** chairman@mccmd.org

**Website:** www.mccmd.org

**Address:** 15200 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905

**Phone:** 301-384-3454

The Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Silver Spring Maryland serves thousands of families in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. area. The Muslim Community Center was officially established in May 1981 and has since grown to become a nationally recognized Islamic center.

MCC has become prominent by offering services and programs for the benefit of our community at large. The Center is a volunteer-managed, nonprofit, church-exempt organization established under the laws of the State of Maryland. While the area Muslim population utilizes most of its services, MCC is dedicated to serving all people, regardless of faith, color, origin, and creed of the service seeker.

MCC Clinic provides nearly free health services to the uninsured population five days a week, 10 am-5pm. MCC Clinic web site: [www.mccmdclinic.org](http://www.mccmdclinic.org). Phone: 301-384-2166 Fax: 301-384-0166. Priority needs of constituents:

1. Free or affordable health care in culturally sensitive environment
2. Affordable housing in Montgomery County
3. Affordable or free legal assistance on matters such as immigration, business start-ups, domestic issues, etc.

### **National Federation of Indian-American Associations (NFIA)**

**Email:** info@nfia.net

**Address:** 319 Summit Hall Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Phone:** 301-926-3013

NFIA is a non-profit, founded in the national capital region in 1980 in order to serve the Indian-American population in this region, and is the largest umbrella Indian-American organization in the United States. The organization participates in a wide variety of activities from lobbying

members of the U.S. Congress to support better U.S.-India relations to organizing sub-conferences for Indian-American professionals. The organization is very active internationally and is well-known throughout the United States. NFIA has an active online newsletter/bulletin board, which you can reach at the address: [NFIA@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NFIA@yahoogroups.com).

### **Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW)**

**Email:** [Maryland@ocawwomen.org](mailto:Maryland@ocawwomen.org)

**Website:** [www.ocawwomen.org](http://www.ocawwomen.org)

**Address:** 4641 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 208, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Phone:** 301-907-3898

Established in 1977, the Organization of Chinese American Women is comprised of a group of dedicated Chinese American women who develop programs to advance and advocate for the needs and concerns of Chinese and other Asian American women.

OCAW provides educational seminars and networking opportunities.

### **Pakistani American Association of Greater Washington**

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**Address:** P.O. Box 8466

Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8466

The Pakistani American Association is a cultural non-profit organization that aims to represent the Pakistani community's perspective on important issues, promote Pakistani-American understanding, and provide cultural and social services to the Pakistani community in the greater Washington area.

### **Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)**

**Email:** [info@saldef.org](mailto:info@saldef.org)

**Website:** [www.saldef.org](http://www.saldef.org)

**Address:** 1413 K Street NW 5th floor, Washington, DC 20005

**Phone:** 202-393-2700

The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) is the oldest and largest Sikh American civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. We empower Sikh Americans through legal assistance, educational outreach, legislative advocacy, and media relations. SALDEF's mission is to protect the civil rights of Sikh Americans and ensure a fostering environment in the United States for future generations.

### **Tzu Chi Foundation, USA, Greater Washington Chapter**

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**Website:** [www.tzuchi.org/global](http://www.tzuchi.org/global)

**Address:** 1516 Moorings Drive, Reston, VA 20190

**Phone:** 703-707-8606

The Tzu Chi Foundation is a volunteer-led Buddhist charitable organization providing humanitarian aid, spiritual care, and medical services to local families and international communities in need. Tzu Chi in Chinese means "Serving with Compassion".

Our organization has four missions: Charity, Medicine, Education, and Humanistic Culture. For the Greater Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area, Tzu Chi Foundation's local services include senior services, homeless services, family services and disaster relief services in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. We provide scholarships to college-bound high school graduates and have a Gift-of-Books program to provide books to local schools and libraries in need.

**United Palestinian Appeal (UPA)**

**Email:** [contact@helpUPA.com](mailto:contact@helpUPA.com)

**Website:** [www.helpupa.com](http://www.helpupa.com)

**Address:** 1330 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Suite 104  
Washington DC 20036

**Phone:** 202-659-5007

Established in 1978, United Palestinian Appeal, Inc. (UPA) is dedicated to providing aid to Palestinians in need in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. UPA provides both emergency humanitarian relief and long-term development programs to Palestinian communities striving for economic and social development. UPA is a member of the Independent Charities of America, a participating agency of the Combined Federal Campaign, and is registered with USAID as a private voluntary organization engaged in foreign aid.

#### iv. Faith Organizations

##### **Ahmadiyya Movement in America**

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**Email:** info@alislam.org

**Website:** www.alislam.org, www.ahmadiyya.us

**Address:** 1500 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905

**Phone:** 301-879-0110

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is an international religious organization, with branches in over 189 countries in Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Australia, and Europe. A dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history, it has worldwide membership exceeding tens of millions. Wherever the Community is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's doors are open to all community members, Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

The Community offers a clear presentation of Islamic wisdom, philosophy, morals and spirituality as derived from the Holy Qur'an and the practice (Sunnah) of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad.

##### **Bethany Presbyterian Church**

**Website:** bethanyusa.org

**Address:** 1201 Quince Orchard Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**Phone:** 301-670-1200

Bethany Presbyterian is a primarily Korean Christian church located in Gaithersburg, MD. They offer regular worship services as well as other community events.

##### **Global Mission Church**

**Email:** Manbaekim@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.gmcusa.org](http://www.gmcusa.org)

**Address:** 13421 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

**Phone:** 301-460-1656

The Global Mission Church is a Christian place of worship with a primarily Korean congregation. The church offers regular worship services, and also hosts community events and provides other service. Please see the website for more information.

##### **Indonesian Christian Fellowship Church (ICFC)**

**Contact Person:** Walter A. Engelen

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**Address:** 1605 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20850

**Phone:** 240-418-3553

ICFC was established by the late Rev. Nicolas M. Lewier in June 1988 as the first nondenominational Indonesian Christian church in the Washington DC area. Since then, several denominations have branched out, such as Catholic, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Charismatic Churches. The church provides Christian services, Bible study, and social services for the Indonesian community in the Washington DC area.

### **Indonesian Muslim Association**

**Address:** IMAAM Center

1611 Viers Mill Road

Rockville, MD 20851

**Phone:** 240-453-0808

IMAAM (stands for IMAAM) is a religious, charitable, and non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Rockville, MD. Founded by members of the greater Indonesian-American Muslim community, IMAAM is governed by a nine-member, democratically elected board of trustees comprised of both men and women. As a burgeoning organization, IMAAM aspires to hold congregational prayers; undertake Islamic religious, charitable, educational, and cultural activities; promote friendly relations amongst Muslims and people of other faiths; and foster a Muslim community based on Islamic principles of solidarity, equality, and generosity as well as Islamic teachings of peace, love, and justice.

### **Islamic Society of Germantown, Inc.**

**Email:** webmaster@isgtown.org

**Address:** ISG. P.O. BOX 1870. Germantown, MD 20875

**Phone:** 301- 972-0504, 240- 277-7758

The Islamic Society of Germantown is a faith-based organization that strives to provide and facilitate essential Islamic activities such as Friday prayers which are held in two separate locations so as to be accessible to the entire community, and other services like Sunday school. They are in the process of raising money for a new Islamic community center which they hope will be a place for the Muslim population of Germantown to come together to worship and socialize.

### **Thai Buddhist Temple**

**Contact Person:** Phramaha Thanat Inthisan

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13440 Layhill Road

Silver Spring, MD 20906

**Phone:** 301-871-8660

Thai Buddhist Temple provides Buddhist religious service in the DC Metro area.

### **Thai Church DC**

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**Address:** Cherrydale Baptist Church, Room 119  
3910 Lorcom Lane  
Arlington, VA 22207  
**Phone:** 240-535-4884

Thai Church DC worships at Cherrydale Baptist Church in Arlington, has regular Christian services, and has many members from both Maryland and Virginia.